

Major League Must First Amend Draft Price Before Universal Agreement Can Be Reached

Shea and Ryan, Also L. Benton, Sign Contracts

Four More Pitchers in Line, Including George McFarland, a Semi-Pro

By W. J. Macbeth

Had John J. McGraw hung about town a few weeks longer Jim Tierney undoubtedly would have had to hire a special train to get the world's champions' entourage safely to the spring base at San Antonio, Tex. The vice-president-manager of our new National League, who departs to-day for a month's vacation in Cuba, cannot resist a fling to his base at the head of any pitcher who clicks his head over the parapet. Mack had about a score of twirlers of all descriptions already on his payroll or in prospect for the impending campaign, but on his last day in the city he called another right-handed rookie after tucking away the signed contracts of no less than three other more or less well known toppers of the same species.

Of the three right-handers whose contracts arrived yesterday at least two are expected to qualify for regular mound duty in 1922, or at least for regular duty till all the veterans whip into midwinter form. These are Pat Shea and Wilfred Ryan. The other, a southpaw, is our old friend "Rube" the southpaw, who was purchased last fall from the Portsmouth club of the Virginia League. He winters in Cincinnati. The purchased addition to the Giant staff is George F. McFarland. He has just been bought from Springfield, of the Eastern League. Last season he played semi-pro ball at Springfield. He hibernates in Pittsburgh, in the shadow of Forbes Field.

Buy Home for Mother
Ryan, who has been with the Giants off and on since the spring of 1919, ran down from Worcester, Mass., for a personal interview with McGraw and signed after a short conversation. He appears in excellent physical condition, having spent several weeks in the Maine woods. He will go to Hot Springs ten days in advance of the regular scheduled training season for baths and road work with his team mates Douglas, Benzoni and Toney. Pat Shea, the high-pitched Toronto pitcher who was a dead loss last year, was purchased a home for his mother.

John Conway Toole, president of the new International League, has made clear the position of the big minor leagues on the draft proposition, which last now seems the scar on the face of the baseball world.

The three C. A. A. leagues and two other minor leagues refused to accept the draft unless prices as fixed by the majors in 1921. No change in scale of prices has been made and, in the opinion of Mr. Toole, the disintegrating effect of the draft would be to drive the minor leagues into bankruptcy.

Earlier this month," says Mr. Toole, "the major league club presidents agreed to consent to an offer of \$7,500 for Class A players, the big money coming from Commissioner Landis. Presumably the National and American leagues will follow the suggestions of the International League in amending the major-minor league agreements in this particular.

Cannot Make Amendments
"If the National and American leagues and the National Association amend the draft proposition and make the price \$7,500 instead of \$5,000, then and not till then can a C. A. A. league properly accept or reject the \$7,500 basis. On January 7 last at the C. A. A. Council, or a majority of its recommended amendments of certain amendments to this agreement, including one to fix a new draft price of \$7,500. The council cannot make amendments. It can only suggest them. If and when these amendments are adopted, the International League will vote on the question as to whether or not it will accept the draft at \$7,500. Until that time no amendments have been made there is nothing for us to consider."

There seems every reason to believe that if Miller Huggins is fortunate enough to lead the Yankees to a second pennant in the 1922 American League race, the new series will be staged at the new home of the champions.

Colonels Ruppert and Huston are sanguine of an early beginning toward completion of the new place, which will be ready for occupancy about six weeks before the close of the scheduled campaign. There is nothing in sight to delay immediate construction. The contractors' bids, which are being digested by Huston and a corps of expert engineers, are almost without exception well within the bounds of reason. It is expected that within another week or ten days the detailed routine of careful study and investigation will have been completed, and that work contracts will be let and the work proceed.

Frazee's Generous Offer
Harry H. Frazee, the battling and embattled magnate of Bunker Hill, has had a sudden rush of generosity to the needy. Realizing the distress of one of his players, he has offered to pay out of his pocket the salary of the Red Sox fan who has been offered to rent out Ping Bodie to Colonel Ruppert and Huston until June 1 next for the sum of \$25,000 cash. In case Ruppert should be reinstated previously to May 10 as a result of any softening of Judge Landis's throat, and some "Army" might take a chance with the tools of the Sherman anti-trust law and rebate for Ping.

Frazee's generous offer of Ping was prompted by that Western yarn which had the Yankees offering Salt Lake City \$25,000 for the services of Manager Duffy Lewis until June 1, an offer, which the story had it, was snubbed. It's a story several weeks old, but Frazee is somewhat behind in his newspaper literature. He hasn't yet waded through all the compliments the Back Bay scribbler handed him when he sent Sam Jones, Joe Bush and Everett Scott to the Yankees.

However, if there are any \$25,000 bundles of boodle to be floating around, Frazee figures it might as well remain in the family. He seems somewhat perturbed over that story from Washington that Griffith parted with \$50,000 cash to land Roger Peckinpaugh. Evidently Connie Mack got the swag while Harry held the bag.

State Five Meets Bucknell
STATE COLLEGE, Pa., Jan. 27.—Strengthened by the addition of several promising candidates to the squad, the Penn State basketball team will get into action to-morrow night against Bucknell, following the two-week lay-off during the mid-year examination period. The newcomers on the squad are Stan McCollum, star of the football team last fall, and Sam White-man, utility forward last year.

One of the Difficulties of Winter Golf : : : : : By BRIGGS



College Aquatics Provide National Swim Champions

Individual Interscholastic Meet Is the First in History at Princeton

PRINCETON, N. J., Jan. 27.—An individual interscholastic championship swimming meet will be held at Princeton University for the first time in the history of aquatic sports on March 18, according to the announcement made here to-day by Frank Sullivan, coach of the swimming and water polo teams. The meet will be held under the auspices of the Intercollegiate Swimming Association and entries will be open only to those men who have been placed in sectional interscholastic meets.

The meet is expected to provide a basis for selecting national champions in the several aquatic events. Preliminary swims will be held at Yale, Penn., Pitt, Northwestern University and the University of Southern California. The championship meets will then alternate between Princeton, Yale, Columbia, C. C. N. Y. and Penn. All entries are in charge of G. B. Gwathmey, assistant Princeton swimming manager. Entries will be in the 100, 200, 400, 800, 1,600 and 3,200 yard swims; plunge, fancy dive, 100-yard backstroke.

Staff Will Defend "Pro" Skating Title

SARANAC LAKE, N. Y., Jan. 27.—Arthur Staff, holder of the American professional skating championship, will defend his title against a strong field, including Edmund Lane, of Saranac Lake, Bobby McLean, of New York, and Everett McGowan, of St. Paul, here on February 13 and 14, it was announced to-day.

The meeting was arranged after word had been received from Oscar Matheson, world's champion, that he would journey here to meet Staff for less than \$10,000.

Two Championship Races Awarded Wilco A. A. Meet

The metropolitan indoor track and field championship committee yesterday awarded the 1,200-yard relay and the half-mile run to the Wilco Athletic Association, which will hold its annual meet at the 15th Regiment Armory on February 18.

The relay championship is for four teams of four men, each running 300 yards. This will be the first time a 1,200-yard relay has been held as a metropolitan championship.

Langford Wins at Golf

PAID BRIDGE, Fla., Jan. 27.—The golf championship of Lake Worth passed to William Langford, of Chicago, by virtue of his victory over Oscar Schaeffer, medalist, by 3 up. Schaeffer had a chance of carrying off the honors when he was 2 up going to the twelfth hole, but Langford held out for a 3, while Schaeffer topped his drive with an extra shot.

Bob Roper May Be Suspended

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Jan. 27.—Bob Roper may be suspended from boxing in Michigan as a result of cancellation of his scheduled bout here to-night with Harry Greb, according to Thomas Bigger, chairman of the State Athletic Board of Control. He has been summoned before the board at Lansing.

Tecarr, Yankee Recruit, Ill

TECARR, a new Yankee southpaw recruit, is reported as dangerously ill with pneumonia at his home in Tarrytown. Tecarr, who is well known around the local sandlots, enjoyed a fine season with Jersey City last year and was purchased from the International League club for \$10,000 by the Yankees.

The SPORTLIGHT

By Grantland Rice

Purely Personal
WALTER JOHNSON, Washington's great pitcher, is complete proof of what form means in sport. Others can at times get by without it through a native knack, but they can rarely last over the long route.

JOHNSON, using terrific speed, has lasted sixteen years, because his pitching motion was perfect rhythm, with no jerk or strain, the last word in top form as form is used in this connection—which means the easiest way to do a thing correctly. And Johnson isn't through yet by a number of strikeouts and hops to his fast one.

JESSE GUILFORD, amateur golf champion, happens to have the three essentials for fine putting—an unemotional nature, a firm, unmovable body under the test and a keen touch with the fingers. There isn't even a quiver to Guilford's body as he hits and putts. His dexterity with the hands is shown in certain carvings he has made of miniature objects, calling for rare delicacy of touch. Only Travers and Travis have had this to any greater extent.

BILL ROPER, of Princeton, is authority for the statement that things can look entirely too well in advance. Last winter, at this time, Roper seemed to have enough star material to build up two winning teams, only to find the mental attitude of his squad badly adjusted in the early fall, with this followed by a series of unkept blows from Fate. Now Bill says his squad will understand in advance that only hard work and hard training will get anywhere, and there will be a better chance to get somewhere. The hardest thing in the world is to keep the right sort of mental attitude, meaning grim determination, with too many things looking all your way.

CONNIE MACK is wondering now what single club he can beat out this next season to keep from skidding again into last place. Seven years at the bottom is bad enough, without cracking any more records. Mack's case is the most remarkable in the history of sport. In 1914 he stood out as the greatest manager of them all, with six pennant winners and three world championships. He was the sole mandarin to stand beyond McGraw, of the Giants. To have this amazing record followed by seven years of complete failure, seven years at the bottom of the list, only goes to show how quickly the tide can turn at times if you let it get under much headway. The hardest thing in the world to stop is a quick descent that has attained a certain impetus. If seven years of failure could attack Connie Mack, only think of what might happen to an ordinary mortal. Proving again that more than one great ball club has made a great manager.

"NIG" CLARKE was catching for Atlanta in 1903. He came into the league with one of the greatest throwing arms any catcher has ever carried into battle. "Nig" went to Cleveland around 1905 and he led the league a year or so later. Since that early start Clarke has been pegging them on a line to second for nearly nineteen years, missing only his period of service with the marines during the war. He writes us now that his arm is as good as ever. "In all that time, between 1903 and 1922, I have never had a sore arm, and," he adds, "if there is any difference from nineteen years ago I can't tell where it is." This at least is close to the record for durability. Clarke had a low snap throw, much after the manner of Jimmie Archer. And it might be mentioned that before playing with Atlanta he had served two years in the Texas League, extending his period of durable service that much longer.

ALONZO STAGG made a point last fall at Princeton of proving that the West doesn't always go in for a wild forward passing game and that it can show something in the way of defense. Stagg believes the Western defense is as strong as any in the country. In the same way, Coach Yost of Michigan is confident that he had a decisive machine that could hold any type of attack pretty well in hand. Notre Dame's defense was certainly stanch enough and so was Nebraska's. W. and J. probably had the strongest defense in the East, if not in the country. There was no other machine that blocked the road so consistently in its important games.

CARL MAYS has two hobbies, outside of pitching, which with him is a hobby as well as a business. One is hunting and the other is golf. Mays is a fine shot and a greatly improved golf player over a year ago. In all three sports he has a mixture of unflinching poise and determination that carries a long way. Upsetting Mays is much like pushing over one of the pyramids. It can be done, but with no soft, easy-going shove.

Zbyszko Still Undecided Concerning Caddock Bout

Some doubt still exists as to whether Stanislaus Zbyszko will defend his world's heavyweight wrestling championship against Earl Caddock in Madison Square Garden on Monday night, February 6. The venerable title holder has been given until to-night to wire his acceptance of Promoter Bill Wollman's offer to oppose Caddock.

No word has as yet been received from the champion, and unless he replies favorably by this evening he will miss the chance to appear here on February 6, and Ed "Strangler" Lewis will be sent in against Caddock.

Navy Basketball Team To Visit Penn Court

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Jan. 27.—When the Naval Academy basketball team meets the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia to-morrow evening it will be the first time a Navy team in that line of sport has played away from Annapolis except for one game in 1920, against the Cadets at West Point.

The naval team has won all nine of the games played so far and expects to make a good showing against last year's intercollegiate champions, Ault and McKeen, who are good scorers from the floor, while McKee has the fine record of 67 goals from the foul line out of 85 chances.

Whim Again Wins In Iceboat Race Over Large Field

Applegate Yacht in Third Straight Victory at Red Bank; Tempest Second

RED BANK, N. J., Jan. 27.—In a ten-mile trial race to pick challengers for the championship pennants, sailed to-day over the North Shrewsbury Ice Yacht Club course, Henry Applegate's Whim, which won a double victory in the carnival races yesterday, again sailed home a winner. With three straight victories this speedy craft looms up as one of the challengers likely to be picked by the local club to sail against the Long Branch Ice Boat and Yacht Club defenders on the South Shrewsbury.

A moderate northeast wind was blowing as five racers were sent away. With the exception of one round the Whim led throughout, and finished one minute ahead of Robert Linton's Tempest, which was sailed by Mart and Oliver Haviland. Del and Fred Fisher's TNT finished third, and George W. Brays' Daisy, sailed by Henry Hoyer and Elmer Hesse, was fourth. Andrew White's Brownie did not finish.

The Whim covered the course in 33 1/2 minutes. Thomas Irving Brown's Say When, and Robert Linton's Tempest will be tried out in new sets of sails with the Whim and Daisy to-morrow and Sunday.

LONG BRANCH, N. J., Jan. 27.—Captain Elisha W. Price repeated his victory yesterday with his yacht Imp to-day, winning the race for the James O'Brien cup from a field of five starters in the opening of the annual ice carnival here. The race was sailed over the seven-mile course, a distance of eighteen miles, and the Imp covered the course in 41:50. The Jack Frost sailed second, in 44:14, and the Silver Heels third, in 45:10.

The L. N. C. and the Princeton did not finish. The Imp led from the start. The fourth class race was a thriller, the Scout, sailed by William Dwyer and George Johnson, beating the Imp by six seconds in an eight-mile chase, with the C. N. C. third, the winner's time being 34:52.

Dartmouth and M. I. T. May Resume Relations

HANOVER, N. H., Jan. 27.—The break in athletic relations between M. I. T. and Dartmouth will probably be healed. The Tech Athletic Council is said to have formally retracted the charge that Dartmouth committed a breach of faith.

The break began with the cancellation by Dartmouth of a cross-country date which had been arranged with Tech. M. I. T. also charged that a verbal agreement had been entered into between track authorities for meets in 1921 and 1922. Dartmouth officials had no knowledge of this, and the Greene schedule was made up without the Tech date.

After breaking off athletic relations with Dartmouth Tech canceled all dates with the Greens this year.

De La Salle Five Wins Again

The De La Salle Institute basketball team scored its fourteenth victory of the season on the home court yesterday afternoon, defeating St. Francis Prep. of Brooklyn, 23 to 16. In a preliminary contest the second team scored its fourteenth straight victory by defeating the St. Francis seconds, 32 to 11.

POULTRY SHOW

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Dempsey and Carpentier Bout May Be Worked Up for London

Kearns Claims There Is Great Demand in England for Champion's Services; Possibility of Meeting With Wills Doubted; Miske vs. Renault To-night

By Jack Lawrence

Jack Dempsey will fight Georges Carpentier in London in the late summer or early fall of this year unless plans now well under way should encounter some entirely unforeseen obstacle and be abandoned. The heavyweight champion of the world, according to a statement made to the writer last night by Jack Kearns, his manager, will sail for Europe in the spring and engage in a theatrical tour which is already being arranged. When this tour is completed he will go into training for his second meeting with the famous Frenchman.

Kearns reiterated the statement made to The Tribune on Wednesday night that Dempsey would call off his proposed European invasion if a suitable opponent could be found for him in this country. By "suitable opponent" the manager said he meant some heavyweight with sufficient prestige to create a real public demand for a championship battle. Kearns stated frankly that he didn't believe such an opponent would be found in the near future.

There is a far greater demand for Dempsey's services in England than there is here," said Kearns. "In England there is a natural desire to see the man who defeated the fighter who has been knocking over all their champions. Another Dempsey-Carpentier battle would undoubtedly draw better in London than anywhere else in the world. Unless the situation in this country should undergo a great change within the next month we'll certainly be sailing away from here in the early spring."

Wills Match Difficulties
The manager of the champion doubts very seriously the possibility of a match being arranged with Harry Wills, the giant negro. He doesn't draw the color line, but fears the many difficulties that might arise in making such a match. He is also very far from being convinced that there is any real public demand for a Wills-Dempsey fight.

There is a strong possibility that Wills and Kid Norfolk, another colored heavyweight, will be matched for a fifteen-round bout in Madison Square Garden on March 2. Articles for such a battle may be signed as soon as Leo P. Flynn, manager of Norfolk, returns from Providence. Reports that the men had been definitely matched were denied at the Garden last night, although it was admitted that there was a likelihood that they would be in the very near future.

In Broadway boxing circles yesterday it seemed to be the consensus of opinion that while a Dempsey-Wills title scrap could be carried through to financial success, there would be considerable difficulty in finding a place in which to hold it. There is no chance whatever that it could be staged in the state and the possibilities of holding it near enough to this city to take advantage of New York money were considered to be exceedingly remote. It is possible that it might be held in New Jersey, but not entirely probable. It was pointed out that the announcement that the two had been matched would precipitate activities on the part of reformers which would make the prospects which preceded the Dempsey-Carpentier fight appear trifling.

Dempsey's Proposed Trip
Papers covering the details of Dempsey's proposed trip abroad are now on their way across the ocean and are expected here early next week. Jack Kearns intimated last night that after he receives them he will have a definite statement to give out concerning the champion's immediate future.

A number of good bouts are on the cards for to-night. At the Rink Sporting Club, Brooklyn, Jack Renault, the heavyweight champion of Canada and one of the men who helped prepare Jack Dempsey for the Carpentier battle, will meet Billy Miske, the St. Paul veteran. They are scheduled to go fifteen rounds. Both have been training hard for this contest, as the winner has been promised a match with Gene Tunney, American lightweight champion. Miske seems to have some idea of securing another bout with Jack Dempsey, whom he has already met three times. On the last occasion the champion put Billy to sleep.

Renault made a rather favorable impression on the occasion of his last appearance here. His opponent was Al Reich and the fight took place at Madison Square Garden. Renault, although floored in the first round, was awarded the decision. Three bouts of ten, eight and six rounds respectively preceded the Miske-Renault affair.

Abe Goldstein, Willie Lewis's rapid-fire bantamweight, will endeavor to do his stuff this evening in the star bout of the Commonwealth Sporting Club, weekly show. If he performs as well as he has in his last three engagements his opponent to-night will find the going very tough indeed. They will cross mits with Frankie Curry, the little Irish battler from the gas house district.

Goldstein has improved wonderfully since Lewis took him in hand and he seems to be in a fair way to make a lot of trouble for the boys who are hovering about the top of the bantamweight division. In Curry, however, Abe is picking no easy mark, and the fight should be a whizz-bang affair from the first going to the last. In the semi-final Tommy McAleer, hard-hitting West Side welterweight, will try to outslug Jimmy Gray, the tough Harlem youngster.

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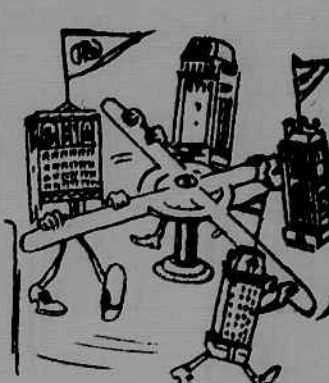
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St. John's and Fordham Fives Play To-night

The Fordham University varsity basketball team, which has won seven of nine games played this season, will meet the St. John's College five to-night at the Highbridge Lyceum, Shakespeare Avenue and 168th Street. As a preliminary to this game the Maroon freshmen quintet will play the St. John's reserves.

The St. John's and the Fordham varsity teams have met once before this season and the Maroon defeated the Brooklyns by a score of 32 to 31.

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